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January 9th, 1919.

Mr. Charles C. Torrey,
191 Bishop Street,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to advise that at the meeting of the Council held January 6th you were duly elected an associate of this Society.

Trusting that you will soon give us the pleasure of welcoming you at our Museum, I am,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

July 17th, 1923

Mr. C. C. Torrey
191 Bishop Street
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Torrey:

At Mr. Newell's suggestion, I am writing to ask whether you have further information regarding a Hoard of about five hundred coins found at Beythir, near Sidon, in 1901(?).

Mr. Newell tells me that part of this hoard was acquired by you, and by him from you. Part of it was also acquired by M. Rouvier , and with his collection also acquired by Mr. Newell.

I have a reference in the American Journal of Archaeology, 1902, p.33, as well as the note that 177 of these coins were seen by Dr. Regling.

I am asking for the above information in connection with the bibliography of Greek coin hoards which we are preparing, and I would greatly appreciate any help you may be able to give us.

Very truly yours,

Editor and Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF SEMITIC LANGUAGES
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Cranberry Isles, Maine,
July 27, 1923.

Dear Mr. Noe:

I am sorry to say that I have no more information about that hoard of coins than what I wrote out for Mr. Newell some time ago. The part of the hoard that was shown to me consisted only of Sidonian octadrachms; and I think, from what Mr. Newell has told me, that I must have been the first to see and purchase from them. Only the two types were represented. I gave Mr. Newell (in my written account) the names of one or two others who purchased octadrachms from this find.

I have always been in some perplexity in regard to the place where the hoard was found — though I presume that there is in fact no doubt about the locality, and that you have full information. Those who showed me the coins did so with a great appearance of secrecy, and gave no extra details. I had an impression at the time (which was probably merely my own guess) that the find had been made near Sidon. Later, I was told that it was at Bittir, which I suppose to be the village in Judea, W. (or S.W.) of Jerusalem.

I have never seen in print any allusion to the find, or to the coins contained in it, excepting what is in

Mr. Hill's book on the Phoenician coinage.

I have one or two excellent photographs of the best of my own coins (of which Mr. Newell purchased all but one – a beautiful specimen of the later type), and would put them at your disposal if they could be of any use to you; but you probably have equally good reproductions of your own.

I shall be greatly interested in your book on the coin hoards.

Sincerely yours,
Charles C. Torrey.

August 2nd, 1923

Professor Charles C. Torrey
Cranberry Isles, Maine

Dear Professor Torrey:

Thank you for your letter of July 27th, and for your offer to place at my disposal the photographs of the coins from the Sidon hoard. At present, I hardly think we shall need to avail ourselves of your kind offer. Should this condition change, however, I shall be glad to write you again.

Thank you also for the word of your interest in our work on the Coin Hoards.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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